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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 January 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. This application, filed under former 37 CFR 1.60, lacks formal drawings. The informal drawings filed in this application are acceptable for examination purposes. When the application is allowed, applicant will be required to submit new formal drawings. In unusual circumstances, the formal drawings from the abandoned parent application may be transferred by the grant of a petition under 37 CFR 1.182.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 1 - 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Safai, US 6,715,003.**

In regard to claim 1, Safai, US 6,715,003, discloses a digital camera comprising:

an input unit (see figure 2, element 108) for inputting image data (see column 6, lines 49-54);

a first storing unit (see figure 2, elements 208, 210, and 212) for storing the image data in a nonvolatile recording medium in a predetermined file format (see column 5, lines 56 to column 6, line 5);

a display unit (see figure 2, element 108) for displaying the image data stored in the nonvolatile recording medium (see column 6, lines 41-44);

a dedicated interface unit (see figure 10) for accepting input or edit of a preset data regarding the image data by one operation when the image data stored in the nonvolatile recording medium is displayed on the display unit (see column 27, lines 7-29); and

a second storing unit (see figure 2, elements 108, 219, 210 and 212) for storing the preset data with the image data in the nonvolatile recording medium in a predetermined file format (It is inherent the print number data is stored associated with the correct image in the memory in a predetermined file format, in order for the image data and print information to be sent for development and printing).

In regard to claim 2, Safai, US 6,715,003, discloses the digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the preset data is data for setting number of printing the image data displayed on the display unit (see column 27, lines 15-17).

In regard to claim 3, Safai, US 6,715,003, discloses the digital still camera according to claim 2, wherein the dedicated interface unit increments the number of

printing the image data displayed on the display unit for every operation (see column 27, lines 19-23).

In regard to claim 4, Safai, US 6,715,003, discloses the digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the dedicated interface unit includes a push button switch (see figure 4, elements 1009, cancel, back, and next and column 27, lines 19-23).

In regard to claim 5, Safai, US 6,715,003, discloses the digital camera according to claim 4, wherein the push button switch is provided on the left with respect to the display unit (see figure 4, element Cancel: The touch screen button Cancel is located on the left side of the display unit).

In regard to claim 6, Safai, US 6,715,003, discloses the digital camera according to claim 1 further comprising a memory unit for storing a copy of the preset data stored in the nonvolatile recording medium at least during a period for which said dedicated interface unit can accept the input or edit of the preset data (see column 7, lines 14-19: It is inherent the CPU has memory registers to store a copy of the preset data for processing and for updating data values when new values are input).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US 6,750,979, discloses a camera with the print number entered through a multi-function button.

US 6,317,156, discloses a camera with a number of prints button

US 6,724,502, discloses a camera wherein the number of prints may be designated.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gevell Selby whose telephone number is 703-305-8623. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 PM (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Christensen can be reached on 703-308-9644. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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